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SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH AT GOJ SUGGESTION WORDING OF PRESS COMMUNIQUE OF PARIS ESF MEETING WAS ALTERED TO ALLOW POSSIBLE AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN ESF WITHOUT FURTHER CONTRIBUTION, FONOFF NOT NOW THINKING OF ADDITIONAL APPROACH TO GOA RE ESF. TO KEEP ESF REQUIREMENTS IN 1974 MANAGEABLE, FONOFF HOPES USG WILL BE ABLE PAY TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF PL480 RICE. FONOFF REQUESTS ADVICE USG POSITION THIS POINT. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF NOVEMBER 27, KAZUHARA, DEPUTY HEAD, FIRST SOUTHEAST ASIA DIVISION, FONOFF, RAISED QUESTION OF ESF. KAZUHARA, WHO WAS GOJ REP AT NOVEMBER 15 ESF MEETING IN PARIS, MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) GOJ CONTINUES TO REGARD CONTINUED PARTICIPATION BY MAJORITY OF ESF DONORS AS PREREQUISITE TO JAPAN'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION, ALTHOUGH KAZUHARA HAD IMPRESSION FROM MEETING THAT OTHER DONORS DO NOT ATTACH SUCH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO
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THIS POINT. IN ORDER TO LEAVE DOOR OPEN FOR CONTINUED

AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION (EVEN IF GOA SHOULD NOT ACTUALLY CONTRIBUTE TO ESF), KAZUHARA SUGGESTED THAT WORDING OF LAST SENTENCE OF PRESS COMMUNIQUE (REFTEL A) BE ALTERED, AND HIS SUGGESTION WAS ACCEPTED. NEVERTHELESS, GOJ NOT THINKING AT THIS TIME OF ADDITIONAL APPROACH TO GOA RE ESF (CONTRARY TO INDICATIONS REPORTED REFTEL B-PARA 3B).

B) GOJ ALSO CONTINUES TO WATCH CAREFULLY DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN CAMBODIA AND AT UNITED NATIONS.

C) AT PARIS MEETING, ESTIMATE OF 1974 REQUIREMENTS WERE ABOUT \$63 MILLION, OF WHICH \$23 MILLION WOULD BE FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PL-480 RICE. KAZUHARA ASKED USG REP (NOOTER) WHETHER USG COULD PAY RICE TRANSPORTATION COSTS, NOTING THAT GOJ HAD AGREED TO PAY TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF 4,800 M/T OF JAPANESE RICE TO BE GIVEN TO CAMBODIA. ACCORDING TO KAZUHARA, NOOTER REPLIED THAT USG WOULD STUDY QUESTION OF PAYING MAJOR PART OF RICE TRANSPORTATION COSTS. FONOFF STRONGLY HOPES THAT USG WILL BE ABLE TO PAY THESE COSTS BECAUSE IF TRANSPORTATION COSTS ARE INCLUDED IN ESF REQUIREMENTS, AMOUNT BECOMES SO LARGE THAT OTHER DONORS CANNOT POSSIBLE MAKE NECESSARY CONTRIBUTIONS. AS FONOFF WILL NEED DETAILED INFO ON ESF REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTRY OF FINANCE, FONOFF WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE AT EARLY DATE WHETHER USG WILL BE ABLE TO PAY TRANSPORTATION COSTS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVICE WHETHER USG WILL PAY TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES OF PL-480 RICE.
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